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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy #14 – Motorcycle Safety

1. Driving motorcycles is an inherently dangerous activity. I know this because I have been riding them since I was a young boy. But though proper risk mitigation we can continue to enjoy riding our motorcycles safely.
2. Accidents involving motorcycles are far more likely to result in serious injury or death, regardless of the speed or weather conditions. It is imperative that commanders and first line supervisors are getting intimately involved with the safety considerations of the riders under their command. Commanders should assess the risks involved in riding a motorcycle and, together with the rider, develop a plan to mitigate those risks.
3. A helpful and required tool to mitigate these risks is the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Course:
  - a. This course is designed to train riders, new and old, on the proper techniques for negotiating what are considered the most dangerous motorcycle maneuvers: negotiating turns and operating at slow speeds.
  - b. In order for any soldier to ride a motorcycle, he must complete the MSF Course within 60 days of receiving a motorcycle license.
  - c. Furthermore, in light of recent and future deployments, veteran riders must retake the MSF Course within 90 days after returning from a 180-day or greater deployment.
4. Riders: be smart, be responsible, and don't become a statistic.
5. The POC is the Brigade Safety Officer at DNVT (314) 352-6109.  
*"Safety in your Face!"*
4. "WINGS OF VICTORY!"

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Palumbo", is positioned above the printed name.

RAYMOND P. PALUMBO  
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